

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. In a previous response, the Applicant amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. The Applicant has not amended, canceled or added any claims in the present response. Accordingly, Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,760,324 to Scott, *et al.* The Applicants respectfully disagree since Scott does not teach extracting a destination address for a subsequent telephone call from calling number identification signals received from a circuit-switched telephone network via a first telephone call as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Scott discloses a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system including a gateway server. (See column 7, lines 16-17, Figure 2 and Figure 3B.) To handle incoming calls, the gateway server provides a rule tree to select the proper service. (See column 59, lines 58-59.) To control the selection process, the gateway server may use information, including Dialed Number Identification Service (DNIS) information, from the incoming call. (See column 59, lines 62-65.)

The gateway server, however, does not use the information from a call as a destination address for a subsequent telephone call. Instead, the gateway server uses the information from incoming calls, such as DNIS information, to control the selection process of a service in order to

process the incoming call. (See column 59, lines 62-65.) Thus, while Scott may use information from a call to assist in processing the incoming call, the Applicant does not find where the services in Scott include a subsequent telephone call where the information from the incoming call is used as a destination address for the subsequent telephone call. On the contrary, Scott teaches the services are applications that deliver enhanced services to a user. (See column 59, lines 17-30.)

The Examiner points-out that one such application may use DNIS information as a number the user wants to call. (See Examiner's Final Action referring to column 61, lines 41-45.) The number in this particular application, however, is not a destination number for a subsequent telephone call but instead is a number that can be used to instantly route the present call based on the number dialed by the user to access the system. (See column 61, lines 44-49.) Accordingly, the Applicant does not find where Scott teaches extracting a destination address for a subsequent telephone call from calling number identification signals received from a circuit-switched telephone network via a first telephone call as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. The Applicant, therefore, also does not find where Scott teaches employing the destination address to automatically initiate the subsequent telephone call to the destination address via a computer network as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Since Scott does not disclose each and every element of independent Claims 1, 8 and 15, Scott does not anticipate Claims 1, 8 and 15 and Claims dependent thereon. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 1-21 and allow issuance thereof.

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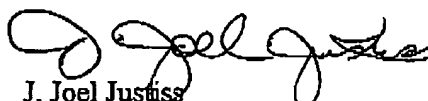
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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